

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONVERSION OF TELEPHONE LINES INTO OFC SYSTEM
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the existing telephone lines which have been converted into Optical Fibre Cable System, particularly in Karnataka;
- (b) the total amount spent thereon;
- (c) the total estimated money likely to be needed for the conversion of remaining telephone lines; and
- (d) the time by which all the telephone lines will be converted into Optical Fibre Cable System?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN S

(a) to (d): Optical fibre is not being used for conversion of telephone lines into optical fibre system. However, Optical Fibre Cable System are being used mostly to interconnect different towns for long distance transmission and also to interconnect different exchanges in the same city or district. Out of total 2573 exchanges in Karnataka circle, 2149 exchanges are connected on Optical Fibre as on 28.2.2002.